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For: DETECTION OF MICRO METASTASIS OF MELANOMA

AND BREAST CANCER IN PARAFFIN-EMBEDDED TUMOR

DRAINING LYMPH NODES BY MULTIMARKER

QUANTITATIVE RT-PCR

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## AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Sir:

Applicants petition for a two month extension of time to respond to the final Office Action mailed November 4, 2009, thereby extending the time period within which to respond to April 9, 2010.

In response to the final Office Action mailed November 4, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: